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TO: CBC MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: MIKE CHRISMAN, CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY;
MIKE POOL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL
FIRE ECOLOGY MEETING—JUNE 16-17, 2004

We have the pleasure to announce the upcoming regional meeting of the California Biodiversity Council (CBC) to be held in Lake Arrowhead on Wednesday and Thursday, June 16-17, 2004. This two-day event will focus on ways to improve the implementation of fire protection and resource management programs in the San Bernardino Mountains.

A half-day field trip is scheduled on June 16 so that participants may observe and discuss recovery efforts from the 2003 Southern California fires as well as current and future fuels management policies and programs. The field trip will feature fire protection and conservation in the Lake Arrowhead area. We will be accompanied by agency and private sector representatives who will discuss the complexities of integrating fire protection with other ongoing resource considerations. This educational field trip will be followed by a dinner at the Lake Arrowhead Resort. We hope that you will be able to join us for both the field trip and the dinner.

The Biodiversity Council meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, June 17, 2004. The meeting will focus on trends in development, habitats, fuels conditions, and water supply in this region. In addition, fire experts will share their observations regarding the fires in Southern California and their knowledge of fire conditions last year. Given our desire to make the CBC more action-oriented, we will also discuss and agree to develop more efficient ways to implement fire protection and conservation efforts among several CBC agencies involved with fire protection and conservation in the San Bernardino Mountains.

The meeting agenda and reservation forms are enclosed. We request confirmation of attendance to the field trip, dinner and meeting as well as meal reservations and payment. The deadline for meeting registration is **June 9, 2004**. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Lake Arrowhead Resort; please consult the agenda for information on making a reservation. The field trip will depart from the Lake Arrowhead Resort at 12:00 noon and box lunches will be available. Please contact Lauren McNees, Communications Coordinator, with any questions (916.445-5845, lauren.mcnees@fire.ca.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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